

U.S Congressman, **John Campbell** (R-48th), recently honored Mission Viejo High's Humanities class with a visit this past Tuesday, October 26.

The arrival of **Congressman Campbell** had been a long awaited one ever since Humanities began simulating the elections analogous to the current gubernatorial race here in California.

Thus, with casual humor and relaxed poise, **Congressman Campbell** discussed various issues pertaining to the current state which the U.S is currently muddled in.

Campbell, upon beginning his speech, declared with absolute certainty that, in his perception, the United State's biggest threat isn't terrorism, immigration, China or health care, but rather the nations' debt and deficit problem.

"The U.S is at the brink of not being able to sell [it's] national debt," Campbell argued.

Campbell admonished that if government spending continues to exceed the nation's total revenue, then the U.S economy will flat out mirror that of the Greeks; **Campbell**, hence forth, alluded to Greece's current economic jumble in which trading nations, particularly China, have refused to continue lending money to Greece, fearful of Greece's incapability to repay the lent money.

However, **Campbell** acknowledges the fact that the pathway towards restoring the U.S.A's world economic lead is in no way an easy feat.

"The United States has a debt spending problem," the Congressman complained, "[and] fixing it would require an honest long debate, because there are so many opposing views on this matter."

Campbell also went on to condemning the ridiculously high unemployment rate that the state of California is sunk in; he feels that this agonizing debt and unemployment problem has entirely stripped California of that “spirit of adventure” which he, while growing up in Southern California, so fell in love with.

The spirit of leadership and entrepreneurship which people once associated California with, **Campbell** believes, has been thwarted by heavy taxes and excessive Government regulations.

“We need to, ought to, and can have manufacturing jobs in California,” and for that, **Campbell** believes, levied regulations and taxes are crucial to reestablishing a strong market economy.

Manufacturing jobs, such as automotive and machinery industries, are the solution -granted that government loosens its hold on the existing regulations- to the biggest threat California faces as of today: unemployment.

Congressman Campbell also touched upon various other issues which arose thanks to the interactive involvement from some of the fortunate students present.

One of the issues that inevitably rose dealt with the usage of Green Energy as an alternative source of energy.

Campbell defiantly argued that wind and solar energy are “substantial forms of energy;” in other words, solar energy requires sunlight, wind mills require wind, and we require energy twenty four-seven.

Nuclear energy, **Campbell** thus believes, is the only logical form of energy, not just because it can be used year-round, but because it’s “cheap, [it] produces zero emission and with the improvement in technology, accidents can be prevented.”

The congressman also seized the opportunity to diffuse his view points on one of America's most controversial subjects: Illegal Immigration.

Campbell declared with utmost disgust how pathetic it is to establish a law and not have it be enforced. He believes that the flow of immigration is good for our nation and that the reason for so much illegal immigration is that "we don't have enough legal immigration.

Regardless of his subject, however, his presence was assuredly made valid and worth the effort thanks to the enriching experience he offered the Humanities class of 2011.

Through each question answered a real grassroots Southern California native began to appear, thus giving him and his party a good name.

"Do you realize how lucky you are?" asked Mr. Koger, Humanities teacher at Mission, referring to the Congressman's visit; indeed, the presence of a U.S Congressman at a local High School is rather rare, considering the amount of work a seat in congress accompanies.

Honored by the exceptional visit of an official U.S congressman, the Humanities class will continue its simulated elections all leading up to the culminating day of victory or defeat: November, 2.